



Texas Department of State  
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# Friday Beat

## July 8, 2022, Edition

The newsletter that takes a [Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child](#) approach.

### Announcements

#### National Youth Sports Week: July 20-26, 2022

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Council on Youth Sports is celebrating [National Youth Sports Week](#) this year from July 20-26, 2022. Share the [National Youth Sports Strategy](#), the first federal road map with action steps for increasing participation in youth sports. You can also use the [National Youth Sports Strategy Partner Promotion Toolkit](#) and [Move Your Way sample social media messages and graphics](#) to encourage parents to get kids more active.

### Professional Development

#### Suicide Postvention in Schools Training

The [Texas Health and Human Services Commission Office of Mental Health Coordination](#) is partnering with Greg Hudnall, Ed.D., founder of Hope Squad, to present a talk called "What to Do After a Suicide: School Postvention." This virtual event is designed specifically for Texas school personnel, district staff, mental/behavioral health partners, and other community stakeholders involved in postvention. The training will be held on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. CDT. [Register for the suicide postvention in school webinar](#).

#### Current Online Behavioral Trends Lunch and Learn

The [Texas School Safety Center](#), in collaboration with Safer Schools Together, is hosting a lunch and learn experience that will complement the Digital Threat Assessment (DTA) training. The DTA training teaches the tools and methods available to identify online threat related behavior. This lunch and learn will enhance understanding of the digital landscape and include a live question and answer session with Safer Schools Together Threat Analysts. Participants will learn about school safety, case scenarios, trends, and risk behaviors. Register for one of the [virtual behavior trends lunch and learn events](#).

### Funding Opportunities

#### Family and Youth Success Request for Applications (RFA)

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Prevention and Early Intervention Division seeks applications from qualified entities within the state of Texas to provide [Family and Youth Success Program services \(FAYS\)](#). FAYS promotes strong families and youth resilience. This RFA will fund local programs to increase protective factors in families and communities. [View application information](#) and

apply by October 6, 2022. Attend the [Pre-Submittal Webinar](#) on July 29, 2022, for additional information.

## **Nutrition Environment and Services**

### **Thinking 365: Transitioning Your Summer Meals Program to Afterschool Meals Through Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) At-risk**

[No Kid Hungry's Center for Best Practices](#) is hosting a webinar where participants will learn from program sponsors how they successfully transition their summer meals program to a year-round afterschool program. The webinar is taking place on July 20, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. CT. Presenters include Eugenie Sellier from Feeding Alabama, Melissa Weissler from Operation Food Search, and Walter Campbell from Charleston County School District. Read more and register for the final [webinar in their summer webinar series](#).

### **Plant a Snack Garden**

Kids Gardening has a full lesson plan for [planting a snack garden](#). This lesson highlights veggies that are easy to eat as snacks. The lesson plan includes a materials list and description of activities. Download the lesson plan to use with any grade level.

## **Health Services**

### **Toolkit: Addressing the Decline of Vaccination Rates of U.S. Students**

The [School Superintendents Association](#), in partnership with the Merck Foundation, created this toolkit to address the issue of declining student vaccination rates resulting from the pandemic. The toolkit provides resources to support educational leaders in understanding vaccination declines and provides direction for a solution. [View the full toolkit](#).

## **Quote to Note**

"Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game." - Babe Ruth

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